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In re Application of  
Laurence A. Lavendel et al.  
Application No. 08/944,435  
Filed: October 6, 1997  
Attorney Docket No. 36-P143

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 21, 2000, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely submit a response to the final Office action mailed June 7, 2000, which set a shortened statutory reply period of three months. An Amendment and a three month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained on November 9, 2000. The Amendment did not place the case in condition for allowance. Therefore, the application became abandoned on November 10, 2000.

**The two-month period for filing an appeal brief in triplicate (accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)), runs from the date of this decision.**

The file will be forwarded to Technology Center, Art Unit 2773, for further processing.

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